



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Examiner: David Y. Chung

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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are all the claims pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,825,543 to Ouderkirk et al. (hereinafter Ouderkirk) in view of US Patent 5,953,089 to Hiji et al. (hereinafter Hiji). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the references fail to establish *prima facie* obviousness in that there is no motivation for combining them as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 1 sets forth an optical element comprising a polarizing plate and a light diffusing plate laminated on the polarizing plate, wherein the light diffusing plate comprises a birefringent film.

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